A NEW SNAKE OF THE GENUS *HYDROPS* FROM COLOMBIA

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While in Popayán recently Mr. F. C. Lehmann showed me the snakes in his care in the collection of the University of Cauca. Among them was a *Hydrops* which was taken in swampy terrain in the vicinity of the city (1760 m.) As *Hydrops* was supposed to be confined to the area east of the Andes this was quite a surprise. The species seems to be undescribed and may be called:

Hydrops lehmanni sp. nov.

TYPE: Adult female in the collection of the Univ. of Cauca.

TYPE LOCALITY: Popayán, Cauca, Colombia (1760 meters).

DIAGNOSIS: A *Hydrops* with 15 rows of dorsal scales; brown above with a black stripe low down on each side.

DESCRIPTION: Dorsal scales in 15 rows throughout body; ventrals 142; anal double; caudals 35 pairs (female); a single internasal, nasals in contact; a single prefrontal; frontals and parietals long and narrow; a tiny loreal on the right side, none on the left; nasal and preocular in contact on both sides; oculars 1-2; temporals 1-2 on the right side, 2-2 on the left; lower second temporal projects into seventh labial; upper labials 8, third and fourth in eye, seventh very small and low; lower labials 8, four in contact with the first of the two pair of equal geneials. Light brownish bronze above; a few paravertebral dark dots anteriorly; a black lateral band on scale rows 2, 3, and 4; scale row 1 with a black spot on each scale; tips of ventrals posteriorly each with a black spot, which spots become very large on the subcaudals; belly color cream; a dark and a light streak from eye to eighth upper labial. Length approximately 1140 mm., tail 160 mm.

REMARKS: I have only seen one other specimen of this genus from Colombia, one in the Instituto La Salle from La Pedrera on the Ca-

quetá River near the Brazilian border. This also has 15 dorsal scales, but it is brilliantly ringed with dark brown and cream. It seems to be *Hydrops martii,* which has not been recorded from Colombia. The American Museum informs me that they have a Colombian specimen of this species from the Río Cairary. Hermano Nicéforo María has recorded *Hydrops triangularis* from the Río Caquetá and La Pedrera (1942, Revista Acad. Colombiana 5, 17, p. 92). *H. triangularis* has 17 rows of dorsal scales, and, if I remember a specimen from Trinidad correctly, many irregular dark markings above.